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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

PROPOSED CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN AMENDMENTS

Friday, January 23, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.
Sierra Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 “P” Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Water Quality (DWQ), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will hold a public scoping meeting to seek input on the scope and content of the environmental information which should be included in the draft Functional Equivalent Document (FED) that will be prepared for the proposed amendments. This meeting originally was scheduled to be held on December 15, 2003. The four issues related to the proposed amendments are:

- Choice of Indicator Organisms for Water-Contact Bacterial Standards
- Establishing a Fecal Coliform Standard for Shellfish Harvesting Areas
- Reclassifying “Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)” to “State Water Quality Protection Areas (SWQPAs)” and establishing implementation provisions for discharges into SWQPAs
- “Reasonable Potential:” Determining the likelihood that the concentration of a pollutant would cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality standards

An audio broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. A teleconference line has also been arranged for members of the public to participate by phone. The conference line can accommodate a maximum of 30 callers. If there is an issue of significant importance to you or your organization, it is strongly recommended that a representative attend the meeting in Sacramento. The call-in number is (916) 227-1132.

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AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN AMENDMENTS

An informational document on the proposed California Ocean Plan amendments may be obtained via the Internet on the SWRCB web site at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/plnspols/oplans/>. You may also receive a copy by writing or calling: Jan Hisao, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100, (916) 341-5568, FAX: (916) 341-5584, email: hisaj@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

DWQ will accept both written and oral suggestions on the scope and content of the environmental information which should be included in the FED. Comments should be limited to the four issues identified and help in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and potential significant effects to be analyzed in depth in the FED and in eliminating from detailed study issues found not to be important. Written comments should be submitted to: Frank Roddy, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100, FAX: (916) 341-5584, email: roddf@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

There is a parking garage across from the Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building with entrances on 10th and 11th Streets between "I" and "J" Streets, and metered parking spaces are in the vicinity of the building. For a map, see our web site at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>. The facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the public scoping meeting date. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1-800-735-2929, Voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

All visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting in the building. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Cal/EPA Building's public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance to proceed to the Sierra Hearing Room.

Date: December 5, 2003